

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to amend the specification and to remove multiple dependencies from claims 4, 5, 10, and 11.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Marked-up Copy".

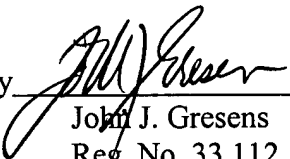
Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, John J. Gresens (Reg. No. 33,112), at (612) 371.5265.

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In the Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 4 as follows:

[Fig. 5] Fig. 5a, Fig. 5b and Fig 5c. show[s two] embodiments of a bypass switch according to the present invention.

In the Claims

4. The device according to claim 1, [2 or 3,] wherein said two transistors in series are arranged as an inverter.
5. The device according to claim 1, [2 or 3,] wherein said two transistors in series are arranged as a follower driver.
10. A device according to claim 8 [or 9], wherein said current source is coupled in parallel to said current measuring unit (6).
11. A device according to claim 8 [or 9], wherein said current source is powered by a supply voltage ( $V_{DD}$ ) which is different from the DUT supply voltage ( $V_{DUT}$ ).

